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12 Plant ID Soil Health Field Trainings Begin Across State

STILLWATER, Okla., May 19, 2016—Alabaster Caverns State Park, Tallgrass Prairie Preserve and Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge are just a few of the scenic locations selected for upcoming “Plant ID for Soil Health” trainings in Oklahoma. The monthly outdoor trainings are free and open to the public. Instructors will teach “cowboy ID,” a practical way to recognize and remember plants. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and local conservation districts will provide the training, including why and how certain plants are beneficial, to help farmers, ranchers and land owners increase land productivity by building soil health.

The first six trainings are: Sulphur, May 24, RSVP at 580-622-3913 x101; Hugo, May 25, RSVP at 580-326-7331; Cheyenne, June 28, RSVP at 580-497-3413 x4; Freedom, June 29, RSVP at 580-327-3136; Kenton, July 27, RSVP at 580-544-3048; Beaver, July 29, RSVP at 580-625-3302 x101.

The final six events are currently planned, however, locations are not yet confirmed: El Reno, Aug. 23; Lawton, Aug. 24; Pawhuska, Sept. 28; Nowata, Sept. 29; Bristow, Oct. 18; and Wilburton, Oct. 19.

RSVP is required to attend. Water will be provided at all events, however, attendees will need to pack their own lunch.

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